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Daily update ☐ June 16, 2016

### NEWS

#### Study: **EPA** Overstated Benefits And Ignored Costs of **Clean Power Plan**

Daily Caller

The union members rallied against proposed **EPA Clean Power Plan** rules, which the union claims will eliminate thousands of coal industry-related ...

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Environment321

#### **EPA** Hides Costs of Its Carbon Plan

Economics21

In August 2015 President Obama and U.S. **Environmental Protection Agency** Secretary Gina McCarthy announced the **EPA's** new **Clean Power Plan** ...

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[Rule of Law Project Breaks the Law While Backing Wisconsin AG Schimel, Complaint Alleges](#)

PR Watch

ROLP ads applauded Schimel for saying he would join other Republican attorneys general in suing the **EPA** to stop the **Clean Power Plan**.

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Morning Consult

#### Rider-Filled House Interior, **EPA** Bill Advances

Morning Consult

After Wednesday's markup, the House Appropriations bill still includes riders opposed by Democrats to the greenhouse gas-cutting **Clean Power Plan**, ...

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Bloomberg  
Government blog

#### Eminent domain, Chevron deference and Paul Ryan's other dilemma

Bloomberg Government (blog)

We'll also be on the lookout for controversial amendments — in addition to the riders on the **EPA's Clean Power Plan**, Clean Water Rule and methane ...

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Oil & Gas 360

#### US Electricity Sales Expected to Grow Even as Consumers Become More Efficient

Oil & Gas 360

The EIA's most recent AEO takes the **EPA's Clean Power Plan** (CPP) into consideration, and assumes consumers will receive subsidies of 10%-15% ...

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Daily update ☐ June 13, 2016

NEWS

Kallanish Energy  
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### EPA could restructure every industry if CPP survives: Inhofe

Kallanish Energy (subscription)

... **Environmental Protection Agency** will try to restructure every industry in the country if it can successfully defend its **Clean Power Plan** (CPP) in court.

Patrick Morrisey claims CPP is illegal - World Coal

Full Coverage

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US Anglist, 10/16/16

### Supreme Court Won't Rehear Case Against EPA As States Face Electricity Shortfalls

Daily Caller

Supreme Court justices refused to rehear a state lawsuit against the **EPA's** ... Power plant closures from poor economics and federal regulations are ... power plants being able to comply with the federal **Clean Power Plan** regulation.

Supreme Court Denies Appeal Over Mercury Rule - Morning Consult

Full Coverage

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North Country Public  
Radio

### Stefanik on invasives, EPA carbon limits, and her environmental record

North Country Public Radio

Power plants in the Midwest are known to cause acid rain and mercury ... In terms of the **Clean Power Plan** Vote, this was an executive overreach by ...

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7/16/16

### Supreme Court rejects new challenge to Obama air pollution rule

The Hill

The Supreme Court ruled nearly a year ago that the **EPA** did not properly ... The mercury rule is separate from the **Clean Power Plan**, which limits ...

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Coal giant paying Obama's law professor \$75k per month

The Hill

... and testified in Congress against the **Clean Power Plan**. He told a House subcommittee that the **Environmental Protection Agency's** (EPA) regulation ...

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### Oregon Could Widen Carbon Trading across North America

Scientific American

... portfolio standard, its clean fuels program and U.S. **EPA's Clean Power Plan** for power plants, which is currently on hold pending court challenges.

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Forbes

### The Booming US Natural Gas Electricity Market

Forbes

U.S. Gas Power Market, Today And Tomorrow ... **EPA's "Clean Power Plan"** (Building Block #2) wants states to increase the average utilization of gas ...

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Concord Monitor

### My Turn: Seabrook is good for the state and the environment

Concord Monitor

... adding to the burden of carbon in the atmosphere and making it impossible to meet **EPA's Clean Power Plan**, which calls for a 30 percent reduction ...

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Environment & Energy  
Publishing

### MISO survey sees Midwest generation deficit possible by 2018

Environment & Energy Publishing

All of this is occurring while U.S. **EPA's Clean Power Plan** -- expected to lead to even more coal retirements -- is awaiting court review (EnergyWire, ...

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Daily update ☐ May 19, 2016

NEWS

Daily Caller

### Ohio Rejects EPA's Clean Power Plan

Daily Caller

The Ohio House of Representatives passed legislation Wednesday effectively nullifying the **Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power** ...

EIA: US carbon emissions to depend on Clean Power Plan - World Nuclear News

Future Power Sector Carbon Dioxide Emissions Depend on Status of Clean Power Plan - Energy Collective

Full Coverage

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Washington Post

### EIA: Future Power Sector Emissions Depend on Clean Power Plan

Morning Consult

If the **Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan** is implemented, the U.S. Energy Information Administration projects power-sector ...

CLEAN POWER PLAN: Climate regs could have modest impact on electricity prices -- EIA - Environment & Energy Publishing

Another Unexpected Fork in Road to Clean Power Plan - The National Law Review

Clean Power Plan Court Hearing Delayed to September - National Geographic

Full Coverage

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DC Circuit Delays EPA's Clean Power Case, Calls for Full Court Review

Natural Gas Intelligence

**Environmental Protection Agency** from June 2 to Sept. ... "So much about the **Clean Power Plan** has defied precedent," Segal said. "First, the rule itself ...

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WASH- 913 PM

### Hearings Resume On Georgia Power's Long-Term Energy Plan

WABE 90.1 FM

Commissioners have also noted the plan doesn't outline how it would deal with the Federal **EPA's Clean Power Plan**, which is currently held up in ...

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Press of Atlantic City

### EPA leader tells lawyers to prep for handling climate change

Press of Atlantic City

The **EPA** recently suffered a legal loss, however, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay on the Obama Administration's **Clean Power Plan**, which ...



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Study: **Clean Power Plan** would have minimal impact on electricity prices

Midwest Energy News

... • An EIA outlook projects 40,000 megawatts of coal **power** would stay online if the federal rules are rejected in court. (Columbus Business First)



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Government paid convicted child molester \$55K to quit job at **EPA**

Examiner.com

Government paid convicted child molester \$55K to quit job at **EPA** ... of the Obama Administration through onerous rules like the **Clean Power Plan**, ...



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**Cc:** Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]  
**From:** Harrison, Melissa  
**Sent:** Thur 6/16/2016 5:20:37 PM  
**Subject:** RE: FYI on Daily Caller response

Thanks. Keep me updated. As this was a request for original data research, a FOIA request is appropriate.

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**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:57 PM  
**To:** Harrison, Melissa <[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hull, George <[Hull.George@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.George@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FYI on Daily Caller response

Hi Melissa,

George and I just wanted to give you a heads-up about the response from Ethan at the Daily Caller, below, regarding his request for Superfund contract data. We'd asked that he file a FOIA request, as compiling this data would require substantial staff time and resources.

Thanks,  
Mollie

**From:** Ethan Barton [<mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:46 PM  
**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hull, George <[Hull.George@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.George@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie, it's completely unacceptable for my request to go unanswered for four weeks, only to be finally told that the answer requires a FOIA request. I'll be writing a story about this, highlighting the EPA's clear slow walking of information, which can fairly be called an impediment on a news investigation, as well as that fact that you have ignored, rather than even denied, every request for an interview.

On Wednesday, June 15, 2016, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

After consulting further with our program staff in the Office of Administration and Resources Management on your inquiry, we've determined that your request would best be answered via a FOIA request.

Your questions are as follows:

- I'm interested in *all* contracts related to Superfund from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2015.
- I want to determine whether they were competitively awarded
- I want to know exactly how I can pull up ALL contracts related to the Superfund program without having to sort through unrelated contracts.
- I also want to know if there's a way tell if a contract was openly bid by looking at a modification, rather than the original contract.
- Also, just to clarify, I'm interested in learning about how to filter my search specifically for contracts related to Superfund, as well as learning if there's anywhere within EPA (rather than USAspending.gov) that includes details about contracts related to Superfund. I'm interested in learning about how the Superfund program tracks relevant contracts.

The Agency would need to create an original report, delineated by purchase/contract activity during the specified time period, to ensure that the list is comprehensive and only includes Superfund contracts, as well as information on how the contracts were awarded. This will require substantial staff time and resources.

For information on how to submit a FOIA request, please see <https://www.epa.gov/foia>.

Thanks,

Mollie

*Mollie Lemon*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

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**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** 'Ethan Barton' <[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Superfund contracts

Hi Ethan,

I'm sorry for the delay – I've reached out to our program staff again this morning on this.

*Mollie Lemon*

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**From:** Ethan Barton [<mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 10:26 AM  
**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie, any updates on this?

On Tue, Jun 7, 2016 at 2:31 PM, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,  
I'm checking with our program staff on your questions regarding the NAICS codes. A complete listing of all contracts related to Superfund may not be immediately accessible, so we're working on how best to fulfill your request. I'll circle back with you.

Thanks,

Mollie

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**From:** Ethan Barton [mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]

**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 4:12 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie,

Are any or all of these codes used EXCLUSIVELY for Superfund? Also, you said that those codes are "typically" used for Superfund purchases. Does that mean there are others that are occasionally used?

I'd like to point out that I've been requesting an interview with someone who can answer questions for me for weeks now, specifically so I could avoid having back-and-forth, slow response emails like this. It's likely that I will have additional follow ups even to the questions I just asked.

Considering that my original request was submitted three weeks ago, I question how long it'll take to get all of my questions answered. I think our readers would be interested to see how the EPA has slow-walked responses that would be simple for someone from the contracting office to answer and has refused to provide us with an interview.

Ethan

On Mon, Jun 6, 2016 at 3:55 PM, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

Here you go:

USAspending.gov provides information related to goods and services purchased by federal agencies, including EPA. The database is searchable by specific time periods and for specific services/commodities by referencing North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes in the search query. The codes listed below are the typical NAICS codes used by EPA headquarters and regional acquisition offices to procure goods and services for the Superfund program. The list below does not identify all of the available NAICS codes. However, by searching NAICS codes, you will be able to gather information on EPA's Superfund spending profile for any given time period. Each EPA acquisition office (headquarters and regions) that procures goods and services in support of the Superfund program uses the same codes to classify the types of goods and services purchased for the EPA end user. The typical codes used for Superfund purchases are the following:

541330- Engineering Services

541620- Environmental Consulting Services

562112- Hazardous Waste Collection

562211- Hazardous Waste Treatment Disposal

562910- Remediation Services

562111- Solid Waste Collection

For a complete listing of all NAICS codes, please see: <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/sssd/naics/naicsrch>

The data in USAspending.gov also includes fields titled, 'Extent Competed' and 'Number of Offers Received', which can be used to identify if a contract was openly bid.

Thanks,

Mollie

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**From:** Ethan Barton [mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]

**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 3:34 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts



Hi Mollie,

Any updates?

Ethan

On Fri, May 27, 2016 at 11:55 AM, Ethan Barton  
<[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)> wrote:

Got it, thank you.

On Fri, May 27, 2016 at 11:45 AM, Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Ethan. The contracts officer who is helping with this request is out until Weds., and I'll be meeting with her again then to discuss your request.

**From:** Ethan Barton [mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 4:25 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Hi Mollie,

The database was downloaded from USAspending.gov. I'm interested in *all* contracts related to Superfund from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2015.

Also, just to clarify, I'm interested in learning about how to filter my search specifically for contracts related to Superfund, as well as learning if there's anywhere within EPA (rather than USAspending.gov) that includes details about contracts related to Superfund. I'm interested in learning about how the Superfund program tracks relevant contracts.

Thanks,

Ethan

On Wed, May 25, 2016 at 4:11 PM, Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

I've just met with our program staff regarding your request. Could you let me know which database of EPA contracts you have that you're working with, and where it's from? Also, what date range of contracts are you interested in? Active contracts only?

Thanks,

Mollie

**From:** Ethan Barton [<mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 12:25 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Great, thank you Mollie.

On Tue, May 24, 2016 at 12:24 PM, Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

I initially sent your request to our Superfund staff, but was redirected to our contracts/resources staff. I have a meeting set up with them tomorrow to discuss your request.

Thanks,

Mollie

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**From:** Ethan Barton  
[mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 11:43 AM  
**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Hi Mollie,

Any word on talking with someone about Superfund contracts?

Thanks,

Ethan

On Wed, May 18, 2016 at 11:40 AM, Ethan Barton  
<[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)> wrote:

I want to know exactly how I can pull up ALL contracts related to the Superfund program without having to sort through unrelated contracts. In addition to USAspending.gov, I also have a database of EPA contracts that is probably easier to sort through, but I don't understand how I can ensure that I've pulled all Superfund contracts without having also pulled up other contracts.

I also want to know if there's a way tell if a contract was openly bid by looking at a modification, rather than the original contract.

As I mentioned, it would be best if I could speak to someone over the phone or in person, as this is fairly complicated and would probably require a back-and-forth.

On Wed, May 18, 2016 at 11:12 AM, Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

[USAspending.gov](http://USAspending.gov) is the correct site, according to our contract staff.

Could you send along more specific questions re: Superfund contracts, so that we can find the right person to address them?

Thanks,

Mollie

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[mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:57 AM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Great, thanks.

On Tue, May 17, 2016 at 11:56 AM, Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

The program is checking into this.

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**From:** Ethan Barton  
[mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:54 AM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Hey Mollie any updates on this/estimates for when someone will be available? Thanks.

On Mon, May 16, 2016 at 3:51 PM, Ethan Barton  
<[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)>  
wrote:

Great, thanks Mollie!

On Mon, May 16, 2016 at 3:51 PM,  
Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

HI - I'll check – I just sent your other request forward.

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**To:** Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie, could I please add to this request? I'd like to know where I can find aggregate information about Superfund contracts other than USAspending.gov. I'd prefer to get this info before I speak with someone if possible. Thank you.

On Mon, May 16, 2016 at 3:36 PM,  
Ethan Barton  
<[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)>  
wrote:

Hi Mollie,

If I could speak with someone by the end of the week, that would be great, though preferably by Wednesday if possible. Also, I'm unavailable all day Thursday.

Thanks,

Ethan

On Mon, May 16, 2016 at 3:17

PM, Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

Hi Ethan,

What is your deadline?

Thx,

Mollie

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StClair, Christie  
<[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EPA Superfund  
contracts

Hello,

I typically work with  
Christie St. Clair with  
Superfund-related inquiries,  
but I got a bounce back



this morning that she is out until Wednesday.

I've been looking at contracts related to the EPA's superfund program and found that it's often difficult to determine whether they were competitively awarded.

Would it be possible to speak with someone about this on-the-record, on-background, or off-the-record before I submit a request for comment? I want to be sure I can appropriately and accurately categorize my findings.

Happy to share more information.

Thank you,

Ethan

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:57 AM

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**Cc:** Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ethan Barton  
**Sent:** Thur 6/16/2016 4:46:16 PM  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie, it's completely unacceptable for my request to go unanswered for four weeks, only to be finally told that the answer requires a FOIA request. I'll be writing a story about this, highlighting the EPA's clear slow walking of information, which can fairly be called an impediment on a news investigation, as well as that fact that you have ignored, rather than even denied, every request for an interview.

On Wednesday, June 15, 2016, Lemon, Mollie <Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

After consulting further with our program staff in the Office of Administration and Resources Management on your inquiry, we've determined that your request would best be answered via a FOIA request.

Your questions are as follows:

- I'm interested in *all* contracts related to Superfund from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2015.
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The Agency would need to create an original report, delineated by purchase/contract activity during the specified time period, to ensure that the list is comprehensive and only includes Superfund contracts, as well as information on how the contracts were awarded. This will require substantial staff time and resources.

For information on how to submit a FOIA request, please see <https://www.epa.gov/foia>.

Thanks,

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**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** 'Ethan Barton' <[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Superfund contracts

Hi Ethan,

I'm sorry for the delay – I've reached out to our program staff again this morning on this.

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**From:** Ethan Barton [<mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 10:26 AM  
**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie, any updates on this?

On Tue, Jun 7, 2016 at 2:31 PM, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,  
I'm checking with our program staff on your questions regarding the NAICS codes. A complete listing of all contracts related to Superfund may not be immediately accessible, so we're working on how best to fulfill your request. I'll circle back with you.

Thanks,

Mollie

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**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 4:12 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie,

Are any or all of these codes used EXCLUSIVELY for Superfund? Also, you said that those codes are "typically" used for Superfund purchases. Does that mean there are others that are occasionally used?

I'd like to point out that I've been requesting an interview with someone who can answer questions for me for weeks now, specifically so I could avoid having back-and-forth, slow response emails like this. It's likely that I will have additional follow ups even to the questions I just asked.

Considering that my original request was submitted three weeks ago, I question how long it'll take to get all of my questions answered. I think our readers would be interested to see how the EPA has slow-walked responses that would be simple for someone from the contracting office to answer and has refused to provide us with an interview.

Ethan

On Mon, Jun 6, 2016 at 3:55 PM, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

Here you go:

USAspending.gov provides information related to goods and services purchased by federal agencies, including EPA. The database is searchable by specific time periods and for specific services/commodities by referencing North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes in the search query. The codes listed below are the typical NAICS codes used by EPA headquarters and regional acquisition offices to procure goods and services for the Superfund program. The list below does not identify all of the available NAICS codes. However, by searching NAICS codes, you will be able to gather information on EPA's Superfund spending profile for any given time period. Each EPA acquisition office (headquarters and regions) that procures goods and services in support of the Superfund program uses the same codes to classify the types of goods and services purchased for the EPA end user. The typical codes used for Superfund purchases are the following:

541330- Engineering Services

541620- Environmental Consulting Services

562112- Hazardous Waste Collection

562211- Hazardous Waste Treatment Disposal

562910- Remediation Services

562111- Solid Waste Collection

For a complete listing of all NAICS codes, please see: <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/sssd/naics/naicsrch>

The data in USAspending.gov also includes fields titled, 'Extent Competed' and 'Number of Offers Received', which can be used to identify if a contract was openly bid.

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**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Hi Mollie,

Any updates?

Ethan

On Fri, May 27, 2016 at 11:55 AM, Ethan Barton  
<[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)> wrote:

Got it, thank you.

On Fri, May 27, 2016 at 11:45 AM, Lemon, Mollie  
<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Ethan. The contracts officer who is helping with this request is out until Weds., and I'll be meeting with her again then to discuss your request.

**From:** Ethan Barton [<mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 4:25 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
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<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 12:25 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
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<[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

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**From:** Ethan Barton  
**Sent:** Fri 6/10/2016 2:26:22 PM  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

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Thanks,

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**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Hi Mollie,

The database was downloaded from USAspending.gov. I'm interested in *all* contracts related to Superfund from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2015.

Also, just to clarify, I'm interested in learning about how to filter my search specifically for contracts related to Superfund, as well as learning if there's anywhere within EPA (rather than USAspending.gov) that includes details about contracts related to Superfund. I'm interested in learning about how the Superfund program tracks relevant contracts.

Thanks,

Ethan

On Wed, May 25, 2016 at 4:11 PM, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

I've just met with our program staff regarding your request. Could you let me know which database of EPA contracts you have that you're working with, and where it's from? Also, what date range of contracts are you interested in? Active contracts only?

Thanks,

Mollie

**From:** Ethan Barton [<mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 12:25 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Great, thank you Mollie.

On Tue, May 24, 2016 at 12:24 PM, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

I initially sent your request to our Superfund staff, but was redirected to our contracts/resources staff. I have a meeting set up with them tomorrow to discuss your request.

Thanks,

Mollie

*Mollie Lemon*

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**From:** Ethan Barton [mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]

**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 11:43 AM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Hi Mollie,

Any word on talking with someone about Superfund contracts?

Thanks,

Ethan

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<[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)> wrote:

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**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

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Mollie

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[mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>; StClair, Christie <[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EPA Superfund contracts

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Thank you,

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**To:** Scott, Raoul[Scott.Raoul@epa.gov]; Lemon, Mollie[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov]; Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Armstrong, Claudia[Armstrong.Claudia@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Legare, Pamela[Legare.Pamela@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Beale, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Mon 6/6/2016 5:59:23 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft SRRPOD Response to Daily Caller 1st and 2nd Inquiry.docx  
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Good Afternoon –

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Attached are my suggested edits.

Thanks,  
Jenny

**From:** Scott, Raoul  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 1:46 PM  
**To:** Lemon, Mollie <Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Armstrong, Claudia <Armstrong.Claudia@epa.gov>; Beale, Jennifer <Beale.Jennifer@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Legare, Pamela <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Draft SRRPOD Response to Daily Caller 1st and 2nd Inquiry.docx

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Your decision—

Talk to you later—Raoul

Raoul D. Scott Jr., Director  
Superfund RCRA Regional Procurement Operations Division  
Office Ph, 202-564-4325  
Fax 202-565-2556

**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 1:23 PM  
**To:** Scott, Raoul <[Scott.Raoul@epa.gov](mailto:Scott.Raoul@epa.gov)>; Hull, George <[Hull.George@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.George@epa.gov)>; Armstrong, Claudia <[Armstrong.Claudia@epa.gov](mailto:Armstrong.Claudia@epa.gov)>; Beale, Jennifer <[Beale.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Beale.Jennifer@epa.gov)>  
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Mollie

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**From:** Scott, Raoul

**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 6:33 PM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>; Hull, George <[Hull.George@epa.gov](mailto:Hull.George@epa.gov)>;  
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**Sent:** Wed 5/18/2016 3:40:10 PM  
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**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>; StClair, Christie  
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**Cc:** Dussault, Thomas[dussault.thomas@epa.gov]; Scott, Raoul[Scott.Raoul@epa.gov]  
**From:** Amorosi, Joanne  
**Sent:** Wed 5/18/2016 2:42:41 PM  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday

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**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Amorosi, Joanne <Amorosi.Joanne@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Scott, Raoul <Scott.Raoul@epa.gov>; Maass, Lisa <maass.lisa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday

Hi Joanne,

Just wanted to touch base on this. Is this an inquiry that OARM can address?

Thanks,

Mollie

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**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:35 PM  
**To:** Amorosi, Joanne <Amorosi.Joanne@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Scott, Raoul <Scott.Raoul@epa.gov>; Maass, Lisa <maass.lisa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday

Hi Joanne,

We received an inquiry from Daily Caller about Superfund contracts, and it sounds like OARM may be best able to answer (after checking with OLEM, they recommended Raoul, who I've CC'ed, but who is at the COOP today).

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Is this something you all can help with? Note that he's first asking for where to find aggregate info on Superfund contracts, and then would like to potentially speak with someone. *If possible, it would be helpful to send info on the contracts today/tomorrow.*

Thanks,

Mollie

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**From:** Colip, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:04 PM  
**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

Hi Mollie - I should have looped back through you first. Apologies. Osrti recommends question go to OAM. They provided a contact. Not sure who their opa contact is.

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Scott, Raoul" <[Scott.Raoul@epa.gov](mailto:Scott.Raoul@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 17, 2016 at 11:22:56 AM EDT  
**To:** "Colip, Matthew" <[colip.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:colip.matthew@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Legare, Pamela" <[Legare.Pamela@epa.gov](mailto:Legare.Pamela@epa.gov)>, "Dussault, Thomas" <[dussault.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:dussault.thomas@epa.gov)>, "Maass, Lisa" <[maass.lisa@epa.gov](mailto:maass.lisa@epa.gov)>, "Polk, Denise" <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

I am COOPing today. However, I am okay with being identified as the POC for this, but I need to coordinate with Lisa Maass in the OAM IO, and since this is an inquiry from a reporter, I also need to coordinate with Office of Public Affairs (OPA) representative for guidance/review of any information provided to the reporter for clearance first.

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**From:** Colip, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:21 AM  
**To:** Scott, Raoul  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

Hi Raoul.

Our Superfund program office recommends this inquiry be forwarded to you. Do you have insight to this question? If so, please let me know.

Thanks,

Matt

Matthew R. Colip

Office of Communications, Partnerships and Analysis

Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Mobile: 215-279-4148

**From:** Siedschlag, Gregory

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:11 AM

**To:** Colip, Matthew <[colip.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:colip.matthew@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Wells, Suzanne <[Wells.Suzanne@epa.gov](mailto:Wells.Suzanne@epa.gov)>; Zaragoza, Larry  
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**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

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Best,

**Greg Siedschlag**

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**From:** Wells, Suzanne

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:06 AM

**To:** Siedschlag, Gregory <[Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov](mailto:Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Zaragoza, Larry <[Zaragoza.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Zaragoza.Larry@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

See Barbara's note about who in OAM can respond to this.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:04 AM  
**To:** Jennings, Robert <[Jennings.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Jennings.Robert@epa.gov)>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov](mailto:Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov)>  
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Agreed it should go to OAM, Raoul Scott in particular.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 9:55 AM  
**To:** Fitz-James, Schatzi <[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov](mailto:Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov)>; McDonough, Barbara <[McDonough.Barbara@epa.gov](mailto:McDonough.Barbara@epa.gov)>  
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This should go to OAM. Should we advise Office of Media Relations to send the request to OAM? Bob

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Please see info re: SF contracts info from daily caller. Maybe it should be addressed to OAM?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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**Date:** May 16, 2016 at 3:53:45 PM EDT  
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**To:** Lemon, Mollie[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ethan Barton  
**Sent:** Tue 5/17/2016 3:57:14 PM  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Superfund contracts

Great, thanks.

On Tue, May 17, 2016 at 11:56 AM, Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ethan,

The program is checking into this.

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**From:** Ethan Barton [mailto:[ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:54 AM

**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
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**From:** Milbourn, Cathy  
**Sent:** Mon 5/16/2016 7:26:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Superfund contracts

Mollie- you may want to check with Nancy Cohen. This may be one for OARM. There may be a statement available.

Catherine C. Milbourn

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Minus reporter. I'm checking with Christie and George on how to handle.

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Hi Mollie,

Thanks for checking in. Could you see what his deadline is, and then call OSRTI to discuss? Possibly he needs help understanding the documents.

Christie

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**From:** Beale, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tue 6/14/2016 8:52:43 PM  
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Hi Mollie –

I do not have any updates to the draft below.

Thanks,  
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Hi Raoul and Jenny,

We've drafted the following email to send to the reporter, and wanted to run it by you first for your review. Please let us know if you have any suggested edits by midday tomorrow (Weds.), if possible. Thanks!

Email:

After consulting with our program staff in the Office of Administration and Resources Management on your inquiry, we're determined that your request would best be answered via a FOIA request.

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For information on how to submit a FOIA request, please see <https://www.epa.gov/foia>.

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I agree. We should probably draft the explanation for Ethan and run it by Raoul and Jenn to make sure we have it right, before we send to Ethan. - George

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:20 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: OARM ACTION: Daily Caller follow-up Qs

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**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
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Also, just to refresh our memories, I went back and looked at the reporter's requests:

- I'm interested in *all* contracts related to Superfund from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2015.
- I want to determine whether they were competitively awarded
- I want to know exactly how I can pull up ALL contracts related to the Superfund program without having to sort through unrelated contracts.
- I also want to know if there's a way tell if a contract was openly bid by looking at a modification, rather than the original contract.
- Also, just to clarify, I'm interested in learning about how to filter my search specifically for contracts related to Superfund, as well as learning if there's anywhere within EPA (rather than USAspending.gov) that includes details about contracts related to Superfund. I'm interested in learning about how the Superfund program tracks relevant contracts.

Is it possible to help the reporter to find what he's asking for, via a phone call? Or would this require a custom report? Feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Thanks,

Mollie

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 5:29 PM

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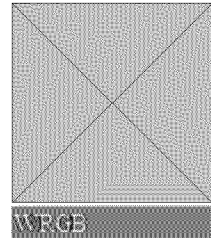
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**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 8:01 AM  
**To:** Woolford, James <[Woolford.James@epa.gov](mailto:Woolford.James@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Google Alert - Superfund

## Superfund

Daily update □ May 23, 2016  
NEWS



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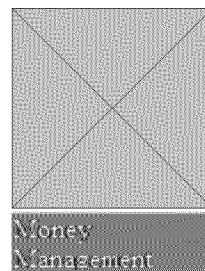
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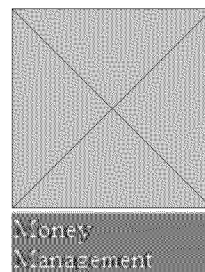


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Money Management

"Industry **super funds** provide a range of insurance benefits to their members including, income protection and death, and total and permanent ...

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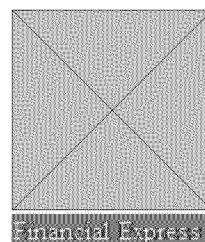


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It has been confirmed that many superannuation funds see digital advice as a loss-leading tool via which they will channel members towards more ...

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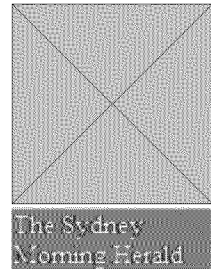
U.S. News & World Report

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The Sydney Morning Herald

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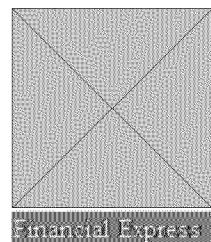
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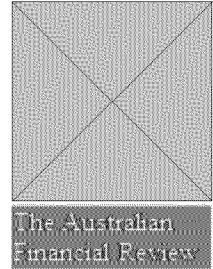
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NorthJersey.com

Two **Superfund**-related resolutions were passed during the May 17 meeting of the Borough Council. One suspends work on the recycling center ...

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**From:** Colip, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tue 5/17/2016 4:23:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

Whoops ...I *knew* that... ;-)

I should have looked at my beat list more clearly....

**From:** Lemon, Mollie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 12:21 PM  
**To:** Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

Thanks – I'm the OARM OPA contact ☺

I'll reach out.

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**From:** Colip, Matthew  
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**To:** Lemon, Mollie <[Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov](mailto:Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov)>  
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Hi Mollie - I should have looped back through you first. Apologies. Osrti recommends question go to OAM. They provided a contact. Not sure who their opa contact is.

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Scott, Raoul" <[Scott.Raoul@epa.gov](mailto:Scott.Raoul@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 17, 2016 at 11:22:56 AM EDT  
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I am COOPing today. However, I am okay with being identified as the POC for this, but I need to coordinate with Lisa Maass in the OAM IO, and since this is an inquiry from a reporter, I also need to coordinate with Office of Public Affairs (OPA) representative for guidance/review of any information provided to the reporter for clearance first.

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**From:** Colip, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:21 AM  
**To:** Scott, Raoul  
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Hi Raoul.

Our Superfund program office recommends this inquiry be forwarded to you. Do you have insight to this question? If so, please let me know.

Thanks,



Matt

Matthew R. Colip

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Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)

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**From:** Siedschlag, Gregory

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:11 AM

**To:** Colip, Matthew <[colip.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:colip.matthew@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Wells, Suzanne <[Wells.Suzanne@epa.gov](mailto:Wells.Suzanne@epa.gov)>; Zaragoza, Larry  
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Hi Matt,

Please refer this question from the Daily Caller to OAM. Our office has recommended Raoul Scott in OAM as a contact.

Q: Could I please add to this request? I'd like to know where I can find aggregate information about Superfund contracts other than [USAspending.gov](http://USAspending.gov). I'd prefer to get this info before I speak with someone if possible. Thank you.

Best,

**Greg Siedschlag**

Outreach and Communications Specialist

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**From:** Wells, Suzanne

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:06 AM

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See Barbara's note about who in OAM can respond to this.

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**From:** Colip, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tue 5/17/2016 4:03:59 PM  
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Hi Mollie - I should have looped back through you first. Apologies. Osrti recommends question go to OAM. They provided a contact. Not sure who their opa contact is.

Matt

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**From:** "Scott, Raoul" <Scott.Raoul@epa.gov>  
**Date:** May 17, 2016 at 11:22:56 AM EDT  
**To:** "Colip, Matthew" <colip.matthew@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Legare, Pamela" <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>, "Dussault, Thomas" <dussault.thomas@epa.gov>, "Maass, Lisa" <maass.lisa@epa.gov>, "Polk, Denise" <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
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I am COOPing today. However, I am okay with being identified as the POC for this, but I need to coordinate with Lisa Maass in the OAM IO, and since this is an inquiry from a reporter, I also need to coordinate with Office of Public Affairs (OPA) representative for guidance/review of any information provided to the reporter for clearance first.

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**From:** Colip, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:21 AM  
**To:** Scott, Raoul  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Daily Caller, EPA Superfund contracts, DDL Friday COB

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Thanks,

Matt

Matthew R. Colip

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**From:** Siedschlag, Gregory

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Agreed it should go to OAM, Raoul Scott in particular.

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